



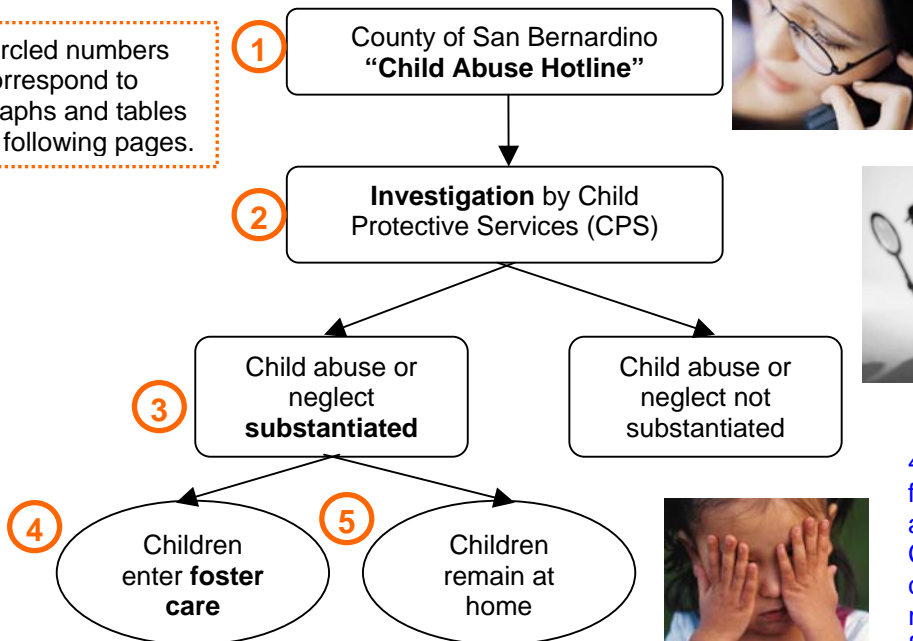
"Family to Family" Fact Sheet for San Bernardino County

County of San Bernardino is practicing *Family to Family* for abused/neglected children and seeking community partners who can provide assistance to families within their community.

If you would like to be a Community Partner, please call
909-421-7711

What happens when suspected child abuse is reported?

Circled numbers correspond to graphs and tables in following pages.



1. 2. When County of San Bernardino receives a suspected child abuse/neglect incident report, the allegation is investigated as necessary.



3. When the allegations are found to be true, children will be removed from their home or social workers will work with the family so children can stay in the home.



4. 5. If children are removed from their family, they become Foster Children and are placed into Out-of-Home Care residences. Social workers collaborate with family and children to reunify children with their family or find permanent homes for the children.

One of the concerns regarding placing children in Out-of-Home Care residences is that children tend to stay in the facility longer and are isolated from their family, community, and society.

What is Family to Family?

Family to Family is a nationwide practice in the Child Welfare system based on firm principles:

- Children do best with strong families.
- Families can become strong when they have the support of their communities.
- Child Welfare agencies can do their job better when they partner with communities in support of families.

Family to Family will reduce the number of children removed from their family and keep children with their family in their community.

Nine Outcomes of Family to Family

1. Reduce the number and rate of children placed away from their birth families.
2. Increase the number and rate of children coming into foster care who are placed in their own neighborhoods or communities.
3. Reduce the number of children served in institutional or group home care.
4. Decrease the length of stay of children in placement.
5. Increase the number and rate of children reunified with their birth parents.
6. Decrease the number and rate of children reentering care.
7. Reduce the number of placement moves a child in care experiences.
8. Increase the number and rate of brothers and sisters placed together.
9. Reduce any disparities associated with race/ethnicity, gender, or age in any those outcomes.